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RESOLUTION NO. 13

NATIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM

Whereas Public Law 660 passed by the 84th congress in 1956 authorized federal grants to stimulate the construction of needed municipal sewage treatment facilities, and

Whereas four years of operating experience under this act has clearly demonstrated that federal grants have greatly stimulated such construction, and water pollution control problems are becoming more difficult, especially in the fields of sewage, synthetic organic chemical and radioactive wastes, and

Whereas studies and surveys by state and federal agencies clearly indicate the need for an accelerated program of construction to keep pace with burgeoning populations, and

Whereas the 86th congress passed H. R. 3610 doubling the amount of federal grants, and the president in vetoing H. R. 3610 stated that 'recommendations' will be submitted to the congress for strengthening the enforcement provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control act, and

Whereas the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Arthur S. Fleming, in response to President Eisenhower's directive, has announced a National Conference on Water Pollution in Washington, D. C. for December 12-14, 1960,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges congress to enact legislation to:

1. Increase to \$100,000,000 the annual appropriation to assist in the construction of state-approved municipal waste treatment facilities and
2. Strengthen the enforcement provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control act to abate pollution of our nation's waters, and

Be it further resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners be fully represented at the National Conference on Water Pollution, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the president, the director of the budget, the secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, the surgeon general, members of the congress, and the governors of the respective states.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

STATE AUTHORITY FOR GAME MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL PARKS

Whereas proposals for the establishment of a number of national parks or national recreation areas are expected to be before the congress, and

Whereas many previously established national parks have experienced game management problems in the park area proper and have created game problems in surrounding lands, and

Whereas it is the responsibility of state game departments to manage game animals in their respective states,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby recommend to congress and the Secretary of the Interior that legislation establishing any future areas administered by the National Park Service contain a provision that the responsible state wildlife agency concerned be charged by federal law with the management of game within said proposed park, to assure that the flora and fauna will be preserved consistent with the original objectives in the establishment of said areas.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

LAND RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Whereas, the American people have invested and will invest large sums of public funds in the retirement of agricultural lands; and,

Whereas, the people acquire no permanent equity in these lands, notwithstanding the investment of adequate sums; and,

Whereas, there is great need for fertile lands to be covered into public ownership to provide for the production and cropping of fish and wildlife, of which there is no surplus but a major and growing deficiency; and,

Whereas, there is universal agreement that there is urgent need to provide more public parks and outdoor-recreation areas to meet critical social needs of the American people,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the congress of the United States is urged to incorporate into any land retirement program hereafter enacted, provisions for the acquisition of crops land available for purchase, and to provide to the Department of the Interior land retirement funds which may, by authority of law, be used for the above purposes, and

Be it further resolved, that the congress is urged to also incorporate provisions under which the several states may participate in the land retirement program for like purposes through the aid of public funds made available therefor through grants-in-aid and/or long-term loans.

We respectfully urge the congress to so serve the public interest by reducing surplus agricultural production, and as an added benefit taking